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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation
In the Matter of Creation of a Low Power Radio Service,
MM Docket No. 99-25

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Thursday, June 17, 1999, Suren Pai, President and CEO, Lucent Digital Radio; David Monsour, Vice President for Research and Development, Lucent Digital Radio; and the undersigned met with Bruce Franca, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology; Kenneth Nichols, Chief, Laboratory Division, David Means, Chief, Technical Research Branch; William Inglis, Technical Research Branch; and Keith Larson, Assistant Chief, Mass Media Bureau.

Lucent discussed matters related to designing, testing, and implementing in-band on-channel (IBOC) digital broadcasting and stated that it expects its digital IBOC systems to be developed and field tested by the end of 1999; and that in conjunction with this testing, it is studying the Commission's low power FM proposals in this Docket to determine whether they may affect the future transition of broadcasting from analog to digital. The Commission's intention to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to address rules for governing AM and FM digital broadcasting, announced in the Order adopted May 20, 1999, extending comment deadlines in this proceeding, is a welcome development and will accelerate the IBOC testing necessary to produce reliable detailed technical information about the competing digital systems.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed in the above-referenced proceeding. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "DR Siddall ms".

David R. Siddall

cc: Bruce Franco
Kenneth Nichols
David Means
William Inglis
Keith Larson